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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Acting Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Representative Tom Bevill's (D., Ala.) Bill,
H.R. 13849, To Protect Confidentiality
of Identities of Certain Employees of CIA

1. Action Requested: It is requested that you call and thank Representative Bevill for his interest in submitting a bill to protect against the unauthorized disclosure of the names of CIA employees.

2. Background: On 11 August 1978, Representative Bevill introduced H.R. 13849, the House counterpart to Senator Lloyd Bentsen's bill (S. 1578), which would protect against the unauthorized disclosure of the identities of intelligence agents.

3. An attorney and former Army Captain, Mr. Bevill was first elected to Congress from Alabama in 1967. He presently serves as Chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee and is a member of the HUD-Independent Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee.

4. Mr. Bevill has always been favorably disposed toward the Agency. According to the Congressional Record of 1 October 1975, he strongly opposed an amendment to H.R. 9861, the Defense Appropriations bill, that would have required the public disclosure of the exact amount of expenditures for CIA.

5. Staff Position: This has been coordinated with OGC.

6. Recommendation: That you call and thank Mr. Bevill for his interest in this important matter. As you are aware, we do

have serious problems with Senator Bentsen's and Mr. Bevill's bills. We feel, however, that it is worthwhile for you to call and thank Mr. Bevill for his interest and to inform him that we are developing legislative language to address the concern reflected in his bill and that we will be happy to keep him advised.

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Director of Central Intelligence

25 Aug 1978

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